

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 19, 20, 22-24 and 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ruth (U.S. Pat. No. 3,737,047). Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruth in view of Welsch et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,991,725).

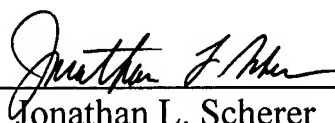
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Newton and Supervisory Examiner Chilcot for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of August 1, 2007. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to claims 11 and 19 to overcome the rejections of record. The agreed upon amendments have been formally presented herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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